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Subject: Audit at MCTEC

Arizona Senate,

Arizona Revised Statute 16-624(A) states, "After the canvass has been completed, the officer in charge of elections shall deposit the package or envelope containing the ballots in a secure facility managed by the county treasurer, who shall keep it unopened and unaltered for twenty-four months for elections for a federal office or for six months for all other elections, at which time he shall destroy it without opening or examining the contents."

We read Judge Thomason's order, which states, "The County claims it has not stored the ballots with the County Treasurer as required "because of ongoing litigation." The County states that it will deposit the ballots in the Treasurer's vault, "as the law requires," only after litigation concludes. It is unclear why the County feels justified in violating the law simply because litigation is pending, but claims that it cannot violate the law by complying with the Subpoenas."

Why haven't you done something about the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors' violation of ARS 16-624 (A) by not transferring custody of ballots to the County Treasurer?

We the People, demand the audit be conducted in the Maricopa County Tabulation and Election Center (MCTEC) where there are IP addresses, internet connectivity, nest cameras, modems, and routers (and all the data in them) from "the scene". We should NOT disengage all of that and attempt to recreate it in another location - information and data will be lost. The taxpayers own the building, the audit is funded by the taxpayers and the chain of custody would be protected. Moving the ballots gives the Board plausible deniability in the event ballots have gone missing. The ballots were already moved once by the Board - we have not forgotten! Also, it is customary practice when fighting over disclosure and subpoenaed items to make said item available at their physical location when it is impracticable to do otherwise. Furthermore, the former Maricopa County Recorder, Adrian Fontes, had been parading around bragging about Dominion having had offices with staff INSIDE MCTEC for a long time.

Go back to the Judge. Get Judge Thomason on the phone and get the matter on the record now. Demand access pursuant to the order and ask the judge to hold the Board in contempt if they do not open the doors now. The Judge made every point to reinforce your authority over the County.

Where is the court order to secure Irregular ballots under ARS 16-624(B), as they are specifically named separately from other ballots? Under Statute, they are only preserved for 6 months (May 3, 2021). We demand this issue be acknowledged and a court order obtained to preserve irregular ballots in ALL counties in AZ.

You must take action now.

R,
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